

1/23/01

CMER Meeting, NRB 537

Attending: Tim Quinn, Craig Hansen, Cheryl Quade, Nancy Sturhan, Mary Raines, Pete Heide, Helen Bressler, Maurice Williamson, Kate Benkert, Terry Jackson, Dave Parks, Rich Lipke, Dan Pomerenk, Mark Hunter, Eric Larson, Blake Rowe, Brian Franzen, Doug Martin, Dave Schuett-Hames, Mike Liquori, Mark Hayes, Bill Ehinger, Eric Beach.

AGENDA

CMER Business
CMER Budget
ID & Discuss SAG priorities
ID overlap among SAGs
MDT overview& pilot
1-yr plan
RFP process
Other

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CMER Business

Tim reported on FPBd mtg, CMER proposal on CMER membership, Scientific Review committee. FPBd accepted CMER memo and initial SRC proposal preferred option. More work on solidifying SRC.

Discussion of CMER membership, process.

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CMER Budget

Wa Trout Data consolidation contract not on list, \$12,000.

Federal SRF board money can carry over for another year, until June 30, 2002.

Hand outs on CMER budget and contract status (Nancy).

USF&W has \$450K to address bull trout issues, needs to be under contract by June 1, work can run 5 years.

Needs for current fiscal year

ASSIGNMENT: Mark Hunter will lead group to sort out what CMER recommends to Policy regarding WA. What does FFR call for? Is CMER charged with revising WA? What is the priority? Etc. Others: Craig Hansen, Nancy Sturhan, Mary Raines

ASSIGNMENT: Pete Heide will put together a master list of all the products called for by F&F. Cheryl Quade - need for study of 2 lungless salamanders. She has sent out a proposal. CMER

members read proposal, hold conference call to determine whether to fund. Project for this FY. Highest priority project for LWAG.

Mary R - proposals should include statement of how much area is affected, how important the issue is, in order to help with prioritizing

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PROJECTS FOR FY7/01 - 6/02

Handout on bubble chart (Nancy)

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RSAG - Mark Hunter

LWD
1) DFC (ongoing)
2) Hardwood conversion
3) Eastside disturbance regime validation
4) Riparian growth modeling

TEMP
1) Best measurement of shade (see also #4)
2) Effectiveness of Type N buffers (long term study, set up base line in preparation for applying prescriptions)
3) Revised temperature screen
4) Solar radiation - figure out what we need to measure (see #1)

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LWAG - Cheryl Quade

non-F&F
Ponderosa Pine habitat
Western Grey Squirrel

F&F
LWD - Dunn's & vanDyke salamanders
Type N buffers - stream associated amphibians habitat model
6 species of amphibians - revisit RMZ study sites
tailed frog

CMER will take the issue of non-F&F research needs to Policy. Do we continue to bring issues forward? Do we fund them?

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UPSAG - Mike Liquori

Unstable slopes
Groundwater glacial deep-seated landslides
Type N streams
Hydrology effects on scour
CMZ workshop
RMAP implementation, monitoring, site- and basin-scale.

Wetlands Working Group - Dave Parks
Functions of forested wetlands
Regeneration & recovery
Forested wetlands shading and water temperature
Re-design of wetlands classifications system
Mitigation triggers

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INSAG

focus on G-1 - Brian Franzen
1. Model development and testing
2. Collect & digitize existing data (ongoing)
3. Collect additional data to do basin scale test of model, answer specific questions, bull trout, data gaps

Bull trout - Terry Jackson
Sampling efficiency model (presence/absence) - ongoing
Habitat suitability (juveniles) - ongoing
GIS groundwater study - pilot ongoing
Eastside last habitat in bull trout basins, testing against model
Radiotelemetry with adults
HCP/4d rule effectiveness monitoring
Temperature projects (75% effectiveness, BT overl

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PRIORITIES

- A. Issue importance
 - 1. Impact to public resources
 - 2. Scientific uncertainty
 - 3. Management implications
- B. Feasibility
 - 1. Cost
 - 2. Time frame
 - 3. Technical difficulty
- C. Other
 - 1. Partnerships

2. Ongoing study

Mary R - suggested holding workshop with AM experts to help guide prioritization , will draft a proposal.

ASSIGNMENT to SAG's: Bring to Feb 23 meeting - prioritized projects.

ASSIGNMENT: Mike Liquori will develop a *process based?* approach to identifying a 1 year research agenda for headwater streams. He asked that all SAGs, with headwater stream research project in the que, send him specific information about their research projects, including, research question (hypotheses), study approaches, scale of project, length, etc. Mike will run us through an example of this approach at the next CMER meeting.

ASSIGNMENT: SAGs will send Mike their Type N projects within 2 weeks so that he can look at them all together.

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MONITORING DESIGN TEAM - Tim Quinn and Bill Ehinger

Tim presented an overview of the MDT's plan for monitoring.

Bill presented a plan for stream temperature monitoring.

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CONTRACTING presentation - Nancy Sturhan

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ASSIGNMENT: all - review salamander project and join conference call set up by Tim Quinn if you have concerns, want to discuss

Next meeting: February 23, 2001 in the Director's conference room (5th floor of the NRB). SAGs need to come prepared to discuss their highest research priorities in enough detail that they sich that CMER will be ble to coordinate projects among SAGs.